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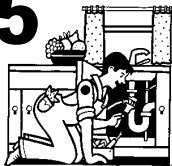
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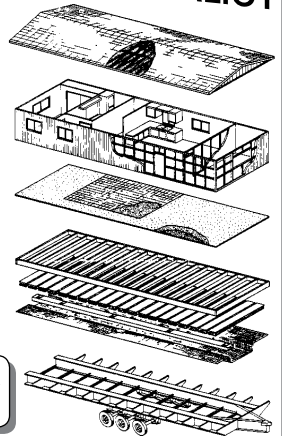
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Manager Marilyn Sisti's Message:

Just a few friendly reminders, there are no trailers allowed in the park, especially enclosed trailers.

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Several residents have had pests in their mobiles. The maintenance man has called pest control and they are dealing with the situation.

The two trailers on third street are slowly falling down. I have notified Equity Lifestyle concerning the situation and they are addressing it.

Scribe Nancy Labbe's Message:

A special thank you to Barbara Barczak, Mary Fialkowski and Bill Reilly who were Chairpersons for the month of January. We appreciate your time and effort.

If anyone wishes to 'chair' a month please contact Nancy Labbe in Mobile 121. It is greatly appreciated and we need the help.

There are no Chairpersons for the month of February. If you wish to have a function this month, please call Nancy at (727)238-8927.

Effective immediately, we need someone to send information to the publisher of the Multi-Media Newsletter. If no one takes the responsibility February will be the last 'Focus'. Also we need someone to take care of the library as well as decorating the hall. If interested please contact Nancy Labbe at 727-238-8927.

Enjoy February and don't forget Valentine's Day!



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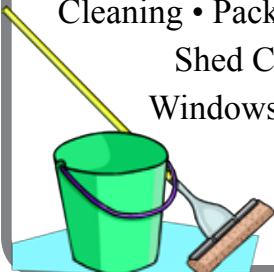
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Red sky in Asia mystery solved

It's a centuries-old mystery: In the year 1770, skies over Asia turned a bright red for nine days. The cause of this unusual phenomenon has never been identified. Now, though, scientists believe they have an answer.

As reported on the Slate website, researchers recently uncovered a collection of 111 contemporaneous documents from that time, and learned that the red sky had lasted longer than previously thought (just two days) and was much larger as well.



Scientists' conclusion: The effect was created by an aurora caused by solar activity, sparking the longest geomagnetic storm in recorded history.

A similar aurora was observed on two nights in 1859 by a massive solar storm known as the "Carrington Flare." Analysis of records of sunspot activity in 1770 suggests that the Asian aurora was caused by sunspot twice as large as those that created the Carrington event.

If such an event happened today, it would likely have catastrophic effects, knocking out satellites crucial to communications and GPS instruments.

New mineral found on Martian surface

NASA has discovered evidence of an ironoxide mineral on the surface of Mars, the Science News website reports. The mineral, called hematite, was detected by spectral analysis of photos taken by the space agency's Curiosity rover in an area known as the Vera Rubin Ridge.

Curiosity zeroed in on a rock dubbed "Christmas Cove," and used its dust removal tool, a wire-bristled brush, to uncover an area some 2.5 inches across.

Observations made the rover's Mast Camera (Mastcam) and its Chemistry and Camera (ChemCam) confirmed the presence of the hematite, a mineral that may provide information about ancient environmental conditions on the red planet.





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Can beet juice keep your brain young?

Beet juice may keep your brain young and fit, according to an article on the Runner's World website. The article cites a study reported in the *Journal of Gerontology: Medical Sciences* that found that a shot of beet juice an hour before exercise can have positive benefits to brains as they get older.

In the study, 26 sedentary men with an average age of 65 participated in six weeks of exercise. Some took daily shots of beet juice; others received a placebo. The participants walked on a treadmill three times a week for six weeks, building up to 50 minutes per session at increased effort. Comparing MRIs from before and after the trial, researchers found that the group that drank beet juice had significantly higher levels of "community consistency" within their brains.



The nitrate in beet juice, which converts to nitrite and then nitric oxide in the blood, has a strong positive affect on responsiveness in blood vessels, which in turn can increase the amount of oxygen reaching the brain and boost aspects of cognitive function.

Make sure drinking glasses are safe

Take a look in your kitchen cabinet at your drinking glasses. Do you have decorative glasses for water, wine, beer, or whatever you drink during the day? They may be hazardous to your health.

The Medline Plus website reports that researchers at the University of Plymouth in the United Kingdom analyzed more than 70 new and used drinking glasses and found that seven out of 10 tested positive for lead or cadmium—both toxic metals.

Lead was found in all colors and goldleaf designs. Cadmium was found in the highest concentrations in red enamel.

Lead in children's bodies can cause growth and developmental difficulties. Cadmium can cause cancer. Studies have also linked it to bone softening and kidney problems.

Keep deadly chemicals out of your body

The list of chemicals that can cause cancer is intimidating, and keeping them out of your food can seem like an impossible task. The Fox News website, though, offers these tips for keeping your food and water free of toxic chemicals:

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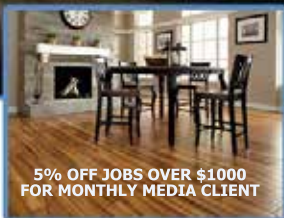
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Even cats get the blues

If the cold weather, lack of sunshine, and short days of February have you feeling out of sorts, imagine the havoc it's playing on the lives of our animal companions. Confined indoors and longing to feel the earth beneath their paws and a gentle breeze ruffling their fur, our pets can get depressed and a bit stir crazy this time of year.

Talk to your vet if you notice changes in your pet's eating, activity, and sleeping habits to rule out the possibility of an illness. Be on the lookout for an increase in destructive behaviors such as chewing and scratching that can be an indication of boredom or anxiety. The same holds true for repetitive behaviors such as excessive meowing or barking.



If your pets are otherwise healthy, a little extra attention may help to alleviate their winter doldrums. Introduce a new toy into the mix or add a few extra minutes of playtime to their daily routine to help them stay stimulated and active. Consider baking up a batch of natural dog biscuits or growing a patch of cat grass to give pets a treat that will show them that you're thinking of their well-being.

A tireless fighter for a cause

Born Feb. 15, 1820, Susan B. Anthony devoted her life to the fight for social justice and reform. She began her activism as a member of the American Anti-Slavery Society in the years leading up to the civil war. In 1866 she founded the American Equal Rights Association with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the pair embarked on a mission to secure civil liberties for all citizens regardless of their gender or race. This work would lead Anthony and Stanton to found the National Women's Suffrage Association, where they continued to advocate for women's voting rights.

Anthony died on March 13, 1906, 14 years before her work would be realized. In 1920, the 19th Amendment was added to the U. S. Constitution, giving women the right to vote. In 1979 the U.S. Treasury Department honored Anthony by placing her image on the dollar coin.

Happy Fat Tuesday

This year the revelry of the carnival season will culminate on Tuesday, Feb. 13, in celebrations around the world before the start of Lent.

In the United States, the city of New Orleans is the capital for all things Mardi Gras, which is French for "Fat Tuesday." Although the city has roots deeply centered in French heritage, it was not the first American city to host this event. French-Canadian explorer Pierre Le Moyne d'Iberville is rumored to have held the first Mardi Gras in a location about 60 miles downriver. Years later, settlers along with French soldiers would continue the practice by donning masks and enjoying festivities in the newly established town of Mobile, Alabama.

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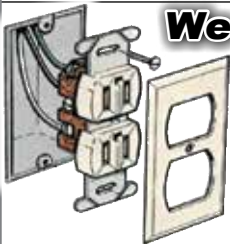
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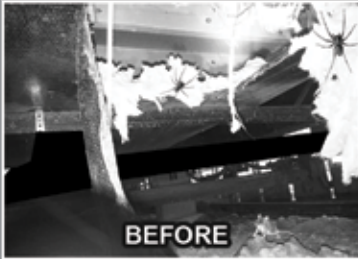


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"What's this?" she asked looking over his picture of three people in a car.

"That's Adam and that's Eve," Kevin explained pointing to the stick figures in the back seat. He pointed to the figure behind the wheel and said, "And that's God driving them out of the garden."

Who's there?

A man answered a knock at his door and found a giant cockroach standing on his porch holding a pie. "Can I help you?" The man asked.

The roach threw the pie in the man's face and ran away.

The next day, the man encountered the same roach on his porch. Before he could say anything, the roach slapped the man in the face and ran off.



When the doorbell rang the following day, the man looked through the peephole and saw the roach standing on the porch holding a bouquet of flowers and an index card with the word "SORRY" scrawled on it.

The man cautiously opened the door. The roach lunged at him, bit him on the arm and ran off laughing.

Worried about the bite the man called his doctor and told him what happened. "Do you think I'll be OK?" he asked.

"I don't know," his doctor replied, "I'd heard there was a nasty bug going around."

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Creative Romance Month. Not big on candy and flowers? Plan the perfect rendezvous with your valentine. Consider an overnight stay at a bed and breakfast, a day hike at a scenic location, or a romantic movie marathon. Let love inspire your imagination to express what’s in your heart.

Great American Pie Month. What better way to spread love and happiness than with a freshly baked pie? It doesn’t matter if it’s sweet or savory. If February has you snowed in, you’ve got plenty of time to perfect your crust-making and lattice-weaving skills.



Burn Awareness Week, Feb. 4-10. The American Burn Association devotes the first full week of the month to raising awareness and education about safety issues in an effort to prevent burns.

International Networking Week, Feb. 5-9. The first business week of February is a time for members of businesses, communities, and governments to meet, exchange ideas, and forge partnerships.

National “Wear Red” Day for Women’s Heart Health, Feb. 5. Heart disease is the No. 1 killer of women in United States. Raise awareness of heart health issues and disease prevention by wearing something red on this day.

World Radio Day Feb. 13. Before social media, podcasts, or cable television, families gathered around the radio to listen to news of the world, popular music, and radio plays. This day marks the anniversary of the United Nations international broadcasting service established in 1946.



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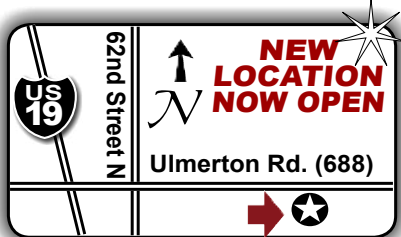


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Over 33 years, Cannon gave away over \$150,000. He made donations to people in his hometown of Richmond, Virginia; most of them had been profiled in the local newspaper. He'd often mail \$1,000 checks to the staff of the paper with instructions about who should receive the money. His charity helped support a local group that volunteered in the elementary school, a woman who started a youth center in her low-income neighborhood, and an orphaned teen who was active in his community.



Cannon never owned a fancy house or drove a flashy car. His \$20,000-a-year salary as a postal worker allowed him to provide the necessities for his wife and sons, while his generous spirit inspired him to help others who were not as fortunate.

Though his benevolence garnered him a certain amount of accolades, Cannon made it clear that he didn't want the bureaucracy of a foundation to carry on his work, nor to have his name commemorated in any way once he was no longer living. Cannon suggested the best way to honor his memory would be for others to just "Help somebody."

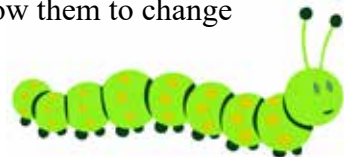
Find your own path

French entomologist Henri Fabre once conducted an experiment that illustrates why it's best to distance yourself from the crowd and follow your own path.

Fabre observed the actions of a group of processionary caterpillars that travel in a line head to tail with no clear sense of a destination. Their path is determined by the "leader" ahead of them.

Fabre lined the rim of a flowerpot with an unbroken chain of caterpillars. Inside the pot he placed a plethora of food. Without breaking the chain, the caterpillars began their slow track around the rim of the pot. There was no way to distinguish the leader in this group, and the caterpillars kept moving around the rim of the pot at a steady pace.

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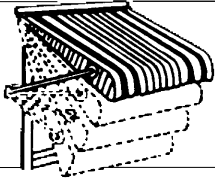
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Obesity around the world is a growing problem

Obesity is a worldwide epidemic, and it's only likely to get worse. A report by Renew Bariatrics suggests that approximately 775 million people around the world are obese. That's 10.3 percent of the global population. An estimated 125 million are children and adolescents.

The top 10 most obese nations are:

• United States	73,872,022	33.7 percent
• China	65,706,627	6.9 percent
• India	44,332,755	4.9 percent
• Brazil	28,279,032	20 percent
• Brazil	28,279,032	20 percent
• Mexico	24,520,821	28.1 percent
• Russia	23,444,354	24.1 percent
• Egypt	19,047,097	28.9 percent
• Turkey	16,092,644	29.5 percent
• Iran	14,311,564	26.1 percent
• Nigeria	14,185,907	11 percent



The report notes that obesity has skyrocketed among countries large and small in the past 30 years.

Bad luck for the dinosaurs

Every schoolchild is taught that the dinosaurs were wiped out by a massive meteor impact millions of years ago. According to an article on the Live Science website, though, scientists now believe the mighty reptiles might have survived if the meteor had landed somewhere else.

The meteor, which crashed some 66 million years ago in a region of Mexico near the present-day town of Chicxulub, ignited huge amounts of hydrocarbon molecules like oil, spewing huge amounts of soot and ash into Earth's atmosphere. The resulting clouds would have cut off the amount of sunlight reaching the surface, creating an "impact winter" that killed off most plants, vegetation, and other sources of food, leading to the dinosaurs' extinction.

Japanese researchers analyzed all the spots on our planet where a meteor strike could have caused that devastation. Unlucky dinos—they might have survived if the meteor had hit the Earth's surface almost anywhere else, where hydrocarbon molecules aren't as thick and plentiful. One scientist puts the odds of that particular impact at about 13 percent. "If the asteroid had hit a low- to medium-level hydrocarbon area on Earth, occupying approximately 87 percent of the Earth's surface, mass extinction could not have occurred," one of the scientists says.



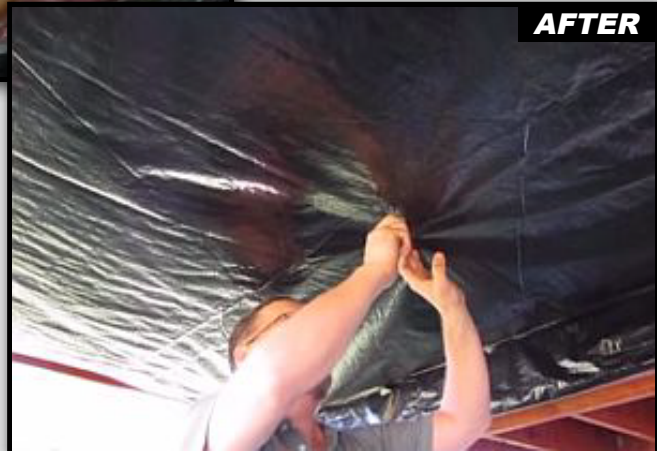
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